

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 59
By Harper

A RESOLUTION to honor Mildred M. Cater on the occasion of her retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should recognize those who in their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion; and

WHEREAS, Mildred M. Cater is one such outstanding person who has served with acumen for 49 years as an employee of Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, recently she announced her retirement as Payroll Supervisor at Tennessee State University, effective February 28, 1997; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cater graduated from Pearl High School in 1939, Tennessee State A&I in 1942 and Columbia University in 1951; and

WHEREAS, she began her exemplary career in public service as a Reviewer for the U.S. Government in Washington, D.C. in 1942, serving in that post for 3 years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cater returned to Nashville and worked as a Secretary at Fisk University from 1946 to 1947; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 1947, Ms. Cater was hired as a faculty member in the present College of Business at Tennessee State University, where she continued to teach for many years while assuming the additional duties of Payroll Supervisor; and

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WHEREAS, Ms. Cater has been the Payroll Supervisor for the past forty-eight years, never having an extended vacation or illness during that time; and

WHEREAS, she has provided valuable and dedicated service to Tennessee State University for over forty-nine years, meeting the payroll deadline regardless of conditions and always in a competent and professional manner; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cater has devoted much of her life to Tennessee State University as a student, teacher and administrator, having known every President in the University's history; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cater is a brilliant payroll supervisor whose long and distinguished career at Tennessee State University serves as an exemplary model for present and future employees to emulate; her retirement leaves a void that will not be easily filled; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we extend to Ms. Mildred M. Cater our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement, reflecting fondly upon her sterling legacy as an astute member of the faculty and staff of Tennessee State University.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.